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## Kuhns Battle Board Of Health Over Lot 24

By Judith Epstein

Mr. and Mrs. John Kuhn of 25 Surrey Drive appeared before Selectmen last week to make public their case against the Board of Health, concerning a variance which would allow building on land which abuts their property. Selectmen have referred the matter

to Town Counsel.

The Kuhns want the variance allowing a septic system to be installed in fill on lot 24, to be revoked, as they believe it is an unbuildable lot. They said that their 12 days of testimony in a court battle — and for which a decision is forthcoming — to restrain building on the lot provided

adequate evidence for the Board of Health to revoke the variance. They were at first granted a hearing, they said, but subsequent meetings were cancelled and finally the hearing was cancelled altogether on the advice of Town Counsel.

"We want to make this public," John Kuhn said as he

retold the complex tale of his land's septic problems, their land's unclear real estate history, and the long, expensive court case to restrain building on lot 24 which abuts their house within nine feet of their front foundation.

Kuhn said the variance under Title V granted last November was for what he

understood to be economic hardship. "We researched this, and found it was not the case," he said. The new hearing would elucidate additional evidence alleging that conditions were different than those set forth in the application for a Disposal Works Construction Permit, he said.

The variance was granted Kuhn said, because the board claimed they had received a successful perc test on the lot in October and that they found no septic problems in the area. Later testimony disclosed at least five failures on Surrey Drive and Old Coach Road, Kuhn said.

The November meeting, was granted, was attended by then Board members, O'Brien, Civil Engineer Brian McSweeney, John Bradley (vice-chairman of the Planning Board, but then acting as Pinkerson's attorney), the Kuhns and two of their abutting neighbors.

Kuhn said he objected at  
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NOT MAINE BUT COHASSET is this artistic setting and scene that finds artist Grace Lawrence of the South Shore Arts Center painting a landlocked dory on Governor's Island.

## Cohasset Art Treasures Recovered

Almost a year to the day, art treasures worth up to \$3 million, which were stolen from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Herrington's Whitehead estate on Atlantic Avenue, were returned to their owners.

Six paintings, including a Rembrandt and a Van Gogh, and two Chinese Ming jars were found last week by Boston Police detectives John Carter and Alan Crisp in an undisclosed section of Dorchester. Carter said the art objects were returned to the Herrington's Friday, but declined to say whether they were removed to the Cohasset residence.

Police had been acting on information from an informant, but the actual break in the art thefts generated from the seizure of \$200,000 worth of stolen goods in a Jamaica Plain garage the week before. According to Carter, the art

thefts were not related to the other incident, although the source of information was the same.

Carter refused to reveal the identity of the informant, who has been charged with seven counts of receiving stolen property in another case. Suspects in the Herrington case are being held in Boston, he said, and a grand jury investigation is pending.

Last August 18, Cohasset police were called to the Herrington home where they found six empty spaces on the walls of the living room and adjacent room. Police reported that the wires of the small lamps attached to the paintings had been cut.

Mrs. Herrington told police that she had gone to bed at 11 p.m. the evening before, but had neglected to turn on the alarm system and lock the door where police presumed

entry and exit were made. Sgt. John Rhodes reported that apparently two suspects had entered the home, with a vehicle parked on the side of the road. Rhodes notified Dedham District Attorney William Delahunt and the Worcester FBI office of the case.

FBI agent John Holroyd investigated the case initially, James Dunn, Jr., FBI Boston agent said, but received only sporadic information. Dunn said the FBI had nothing to do with the recovery and were not presently investigating the case. He explained that the

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## Caseys Challenged To Boat Race

By Bucky Yardume

"Nobody ever challenged the Caseys before!"

You could tell the audacity of the idea rather tickled Steve Casey.

The Cohasset resident and former heavyweight wrestling and rowing champion plainly relished having the gauntlet flung before him.

Actually, the challenge to a

sculling setto, wasn't directly to Steve.

Rather, it was to the 67-year-old Casey's son, Mike.

But a challenge to one Casey is a challenge to the entire clan.

And, like the man said, "Nobody ever challenged any of the Caseys before. We did the challenging!"

Steve hastened to add that his statement didn't include

his years in the professional mat wars when challenges flew thick and fast, only to his amateur days in both rowing and rasslin'.

So who dared dare a Casey at the bat, or in this instance, at oarsmanship?

A rowing pupil of Steve's is — one Ron Reese, a 20-year-old from Hingham who is one of the young men regu-  
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## Who Should Hand Out Moorings?

Chairman of the Harbor Study Committee Charles Fink recommended that a transfer of authority of the mooring list be removed from the Harbor-master's duties and assumed by the Study Committee. The matter was taken under advisement.

"It's no longer fair to make the Harbormaster solely responsible," Fink remarked. Selectmen Henry Ainslie questioned whether the switch in delegation of additions and assignments to the harbor mooring list were Harbormaster Harry Ritter's responsibilities as a part of his job.

Fink explained that the changing nature of the commercial fishing fleet and the

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